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GEN. PALMER and Mr. Hinchman of the Palmer and Sullivan railway combination were in Galveston on Wednesday and met a number of the representative business men of that city at the Tremont hotel. A general discussion followed and a committee on ways and means was appointed.

SENATOR LOGAN is said to have at last settled the charge so often preferred against him, that he was a secessionist. Mr. Logan may have settled it in his own mind, but the evidence that he endeavored to raise a company for the Confederate service in southern Illinois is not so easily wiped out.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, is being torn up by a terrible row between newspapers. The Penny Press a cheap paper made an unwarranted attack on the editor of the Leader, having first attempted to blackmail him. The press men were arrested for libel and the Leader man was sued for damages.

At the caucus of the republican senators held in Washington on Wednesday it was decided to maintain the deadlock on general principles, they considering that they were in the right, they thought however that it would be advisable to act on some matters of special importance, such as filling existing vacancies.

DRUMMERS are required to pay the special tax to the comptroller, and he is now preparing a notice to all officers that they are not authorized to collect this tax. The comptroller issues the permit and no drummer can solicit trade without the comptroller's license which must be recorded in the county clerk's office before soliciting orders, under a penalty of not less than twenty-five dollars.

In Russia they have an officer known as censor of the press. The position has just been given to Prince Viszensky. He has charge of all foreign as well as home journals and no paper containing anything reflecting upon the Czar or his kingdom or sympathizing with the nihilist cause is allowed to circulate. A man with such a name ought to have some sort of office. What is the use of a man being a censor if he can't have a better name? There isn't a freedman in the south who couldn't get a better name in a minute.

It is said that the Paris News is anxious to take a leading prohibitionist in the state and for the purpose of not publishing certain articles. The prohibitionists are made to feel that they will provoke the temperate and bitter controversy we have had in the state for many years. Politics and sumptuary affairs should be kept separate.

LABOR strikes are again being inaugurated in the cities and they threaten to extend to the manufacturing districts in the north. It would seem that past experience goes for nothing with the average strikers, they never learn that in the long run a strike, even if successful, costs more than they finally make by any increase of wages that may be accorded them. Wages are usually regulated by the supply and demand; if labor is abundant and the demand for it light wages must necessarily be low; if the contrary wages are high. Of right there should be no conflict between labor and capital, as without labor capital would be useless. Political economists, have, however, so far, been unable to make capital and labor agree, especially on the question of wages.

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THE Texas Western railw... company has filed articles o... incorporation in the office o... secretary of state. The roa... to commence at Houst... run to a point on the R... end at or near the town... dio del Norte, and from... on the main line in Blan... to the north line... man county; from... line in Fayette to... town of Bastrop; from... main line in Caldwell cou... San Antonio, and from... ton to Sabine Pass. The c... tal stock is \$30,000,000. A... the incorporators of the com... pany are citizens of Houston.

In New York the regular life insurance companies are endeavoring to get a law through the legislature crushing out all the beneficiary societies. In that state four hundred thousand men belong to those organizations and the passage of the insurance law would wipe every life insurance society out of existence that could not deposit \$100,000 cash with the state treasurer. The great life insurance alone are able to do this and they want an entire monopoly of the life insurance business.

It is rumored in New York that the Iron Mountain railroad will be consolidated with the... and Pacific.